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In re Application of:
Mok, et al.

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For: Integrated Semiconductor
Substrate Bevel Cleaning
Apparatus and Method

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37 CFR 1.8

Dear Sir:

PETITION FOR CLAIMING BENEFIT OF EARLIER FILING DATE

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) for claiming the benefit of the earlier filing dates of prior-filed copending nonprovisional applications 09/350,210, 09/350,212 and 09/614,406 in this pending application. The common inventor in the above mentioned prior-filed copending nonprovisional applications and this pending application is Joseph Stevens. In 09/350,212, the common inventors also include Alex Ko and Edwin Mok. In accordance with the requirements set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), Applicant submits the following:

(i) The reference required by 35 USC 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) is concurrently submitted to the Examiner and a copy of the amendment is attached to this petition. In Applicants response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003 in the pending application, Applicants amended the specification to include the reference required under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2). A copy of the amendment may be found on Pages 1 and 2

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(In the Specification section) of the Response to Office Action Dated February 26, 2003 attached to this petition;

(ii) The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$1300.00 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(t) and any additional fees which may be required for this petition to Deposit Account No. 20-0782/4969/CMP/ECP/NAN; and

(iii) The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional, as Applicants were unaware of the relationship between the above noted prior-filed copending nonprovisional application and the instant pending application until receipt of the Office Action in the pending case.

Respectfully submitted,



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